



Community Connections Committee

County Three-Star Program

Sharing ideas, expertise, and experiences with a similar community inspires both communities and encourages progress within the Three-Star Program. As an added bonus, by preparing the presentations, conducting the tours, answering questions, and justifying programs the visited community learns as much about themselves as the visiting community learns and completes a self assessment of progress.

Responsibilities of Chairperson(s):

- ✓ Establish a cooperative, information-sharing relationship with a community (city to city or county to county) in a different grand division of the state (**must be at least 90 miles distance between communities**).
- ✓ Visit must be made by representatives of each community to the other community to make a public declaration of the community connection.
- ✓ A minimum of a **full day's** visit by each community to their community connection counterpart by **local representatives of economic development, education, and government is required**.
- ✓ A **written report** will be delivered to the visited community containing an evaluation and personal impressions of the community connection (within **30 days** after the visit).

NOTE: Each city or county community connection **must** be a participant in the Three-Star Program and will be determined with the assistance/approval of the Division of Community Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Communities fulfilling their Community Connection visit and report will receive 50 points. Communities that committed to participating in the Community Connection component and **DO NOT** complete their visit and report will receive a 50 point **REDUCTION** to their total Three-Star points.